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WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT ON THE CASES. OTHER THAN TO DENY THAT CHEN'S RE-DETENTION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH U.S. RELATIONS.

4. ON THE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE POLICY LINE -- OUR INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS, THE OBVIOUS INTEREST OF THE CHINESE AS WELL IN A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP, AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR THEM TO ENGAGE IN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS -- JIANG HELD TO THEIR NOW STANDARD LINE THAT WE HAD DAMAGED THE RELATIONSHIP AND IT WAS INCUMBENT ON US TO MOVE FIRST. I ARGUED THAT WE HAD NOT CHANGED OUR ONE CHINA POLICY IN THE SLIGHTEST, THAT THE TACTICAL ADJUSTMENTS HAD BEEN MADE, IN FACT, IN ORDER FOR US TO MAINTAIN THIS POLICY, ETC. JIANG, ALTHOUGH HE WAS THE RANKING CHINESE OFFICIAL, IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE INTERLOCUTOR ON THESE ISSUES. WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON OTHER CONVERSATIONS. HALLFORD

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